

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims as follows:

1. (original) Ventilation tubing comprising, as seen from the inside to the outside, a bush, an insulating layer and a cover sheet characterized in that the insulating layer is a quartz-fiber wool.

2. (original) Ventilation tubing as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the thickness of said quartz fiber wool is between 6 and 15 mm and in particular between 8 and 11 mm.

3. (currently amended) Ventilation tubing as claimed in ~~either of claims 1 and 2~~ claim 1, characterized in that said quartz fiber wool exhibits a specific surface weight between 65 and 150 g/m<sup>2</sup> and in particular between 80 and 100 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

4. (currently amended) Ventilation tubing as claimed in ~~either of claims 1 and 2~~ claim 1, characterized in that the density of said quartz fiber wool is between 10 and 20 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

5. (currently amended) Ventilation tubing as claimed in ~~one of the above claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the bush (1) and/or the cover sheet (3) is a plastic sheet, in particular a sheet of polyvinyl fluoride having a weave of interlaced filaments, in particular a grid of polyamide filaments.

6. (original) Ventilation tubing as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the specific surface weight of said plastic sheet is substantially between 30 and 65 g/m<sup>2</sup> and its thickness is substantially between 10 and 15 μ (microns).

7. (currently amended) Ventilation tubing as claimed in ~~one of the above claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that it comprises a plastic winding (5, 6, 7) helically enclosing the bush and bonded to it by a flame-resistant adhesive.

8. (original) Ventilation tubing as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the winding is a filament (6) of which the diameter is between 1 and 2 mm.

9. (original) Ventilation tubing as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the winding (7) exhibits a specific cross-sectional geometry of which the substantially planar base (8, 11) makes contact with the bush.

10. (original) Ventilation tubing as claimed in claim 9, characterized in that said winding is an I-bar.

11. (new) Ventilation tubing as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that said quartz fiber wool exhibits a specific surface weight between 65 and 150 g/m<sup>2</sup> and in particular between 80 and 100 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

12. (new) Ventilation tubing as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the density of said quartz fiber wool is between 10 and 20 kg/m<sup>3</sup>.